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Wednesday September 13, 2017

Chartered 10 November 1927 District 7670 Club 6013 Meet Wednesdays at Noon-First Presbyterian Church

## I Write My Story

I Write My Story is a literacy initiative, a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the benefits of writing among all students to ensure future successes in any career path students may choose. The mission of the organization is to motivate students to write creatively and discover the importance and benefits of quality writing, while improving literacy skills in all academic areas. This goal is accomplished by providing students with a musical program highlighting songwriting. Students will embrace a fun musical experience that incorporates personal stories through poetry, story writing and song. Students will be provided a personal writing journal to encourage their creativity. They will hear an inspiring message from the program that will assist in introducing students to ways of being creative both in the classroom and at home. The broader message emphasizes that writing is a critical component and a necessary skill to compete effectively in life in order to fulfill potentials and reach goals towards a successful path.

When the foundation visits a school, Mountain Faith Band will be presenting the musical portion of the program, featuring their original songs and the stories that encouraged the writing of these songs. They will incorporate musical interactions with the students as well, giving them the opportunity to be part of the band! They will also bring a message of motivation, respect, encouragement and preparation for future successes. Every student will receive their own personal journal, pen and pencil to begin their writing journeys. Many students will get to experience a musical concert for the first time performed by a nationally recognized band.

In order to improve writing successes, students need access to writing materials. Over 50% of low-income families have no access to quality print in their homes. Introducing students to age-appropriate books and access to writing materials has been shown to almost triple their interest in reading and writing within a few months. Studies indicate that children growing up in households with books and outlets for creativity are more likely to extend their years in school and advancing to college. It is critical, especially early in education to put books and writing supplies in the hands of students to address the literacy crisis in our country.

*"My mission is guided by the desire to inspire students to be life-long writers. Without writing we lose generations of stories and thoughts. I want to bring to the forefront the importance of sharing their stories in any writing format possible!"*

- Sandra McMahan



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## Franklin's Rotary Satellite Club is Making Strides!

We're excited to have a Satellite Club that is active and growing. Their recent service projects include:

- \*Adopted Wesley's Playground
- \*Have already cut bushes and trees
- \*They are planning to paint picnic tables under the pavilion this fall
- \*Purchased a baby changing table to be in stalled at the JC's park

We are partnering with them to sponsor a child in Guatemala to send the child to school for a year.

## Board Approves Funding Opportunities

**Amulance in Haiti:** The board approved \$2,000 to help the daybreak club purchase an ambulance in Haiti.

**Hurricane Relief efforts:** The board approved \$5,000 to be channeled through a local Rotary club in an area surrounding Houston that may not be getting the attention that Houston relief is getting. In addition, the board approved up to \$2,500 more to match funds given by FRC members.

## Volunteer Opportunity

### It's Time to Pack Those Backpacks!!!

Franklin Rotary will pack backpacks for CareNET the last Monday of every month from 4-6pm. That would mean we are scheduled for the following dates:

*-Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>*

*-Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>*

*-Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>*

*-Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> \*\*the last Monday of Dec. is the 25<sup>th</sup> so we will schedule Dec. for the 18<sup>th</sup>*

## Ashlie's Announcements

**Sept 21**—BREW Meeting  
5:30—Lazy Hiker

**Sept 30**—RLI Training—IN CULLOWHEE (the Closest it's Ever been) Funding available for Interested Individuals

**Sept 30**—Joanna Earls with Access Family Services



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## Fred's Funnies

### Why CART is SO Important!



#### Secrets to a long happy marriage



A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."

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## The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2017-18

District Governor: Bill Biddle

Assistant District Governor: Sean Gibson

President: Judy Chapman

President-elect: Janet Greene

President-nominee: Rich Peoples

Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: Jim Garner

Vocational Service: Rich Peoples

Community Service: Patrick Betancourt

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield

International Service: Stacy Guffey /Susie Ledford

Foundation Chair: Mike Norris/Vic Perry

Membership Chair: Amy Manshack

Program Chair: Debbie Tallent

Public Image Chair: Paul Garner

Flywheel Editor: Ashlie Mitchell

Sgt. At Arms: Tom James/Kyle Ledford

Immediate Past President: Lenny Jordan

*Thanks for all you do in service!*

## Upcoming Events



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## 50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



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**Meeting next Week**  
**Joanna Earls—Access  
Family  
Services**



No One  
Won  
50/50—  
Maybe  
Next Week!

